

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of January 21, 2009 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the one way function is applied to only the current second entity's identifier and the first secret key. Support for this amendment can be found at paragraphs [5411]-[5426] of the present specification; and dependent claims 2, 3, 5-32 are unchanged.

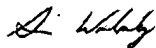
Regarding 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a) Rejections and Response to Arguments

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2, 3 and 5-32 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed or suggested by Wertheimer and Schneier either taken alone or in view of one another, because amended independent claim 1 is distinguished from the cited references for at least the reasons previously discussed by the Applicant.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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